

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 42, lines 15 through 22 with the following amended paragraph:

The following applications, ~~filed on even date herewith,~~ contain related subject matter and are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety; ~~Docket No.:~~ 3551.1001-000, U.S. Application No. 10/601,096 filed on June 20, 2003, entitled "Method for Detection of Molecular species in a Crude Sample Using Capillary Electrophoresis," by Shin-Fuw Lin, *et al.*; ~~Docket No.:~~ 3551.1002-000, U.S. Application No. 10/601,277 filed on June 20, 2003, entitled "Automated Macromolecule Sample Preparation System," by George E. Barringer, Jr.; ~~Docket No.:~~ 3551.1003-000, U.S. Application No. 10/601,181 filed on June 20, 2003, entitled "Stationary Capillary Electrophoresis System," by George E. Barringer, Jr.; and ~~Docket No.:~~ 3551.1004-000, U.S. Application No. 10/600,177 filed on June 20, 2003, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Operating an Automated Biomolecular Preparation System," by George E. Barringer, Jr., *et al.*